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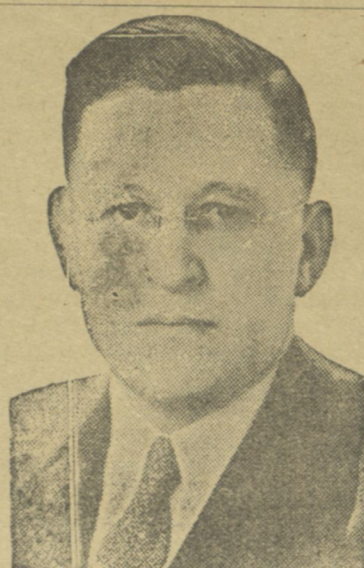
Presidential Nominees



On the left—President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Democrat, and Alfred M. Landon, Republican nominee for president of the United States.

On the right—Elmer Benson, Farmer-Labor, and Martin Nelson, Republican, candidates for governor of Minnesota.

Gubernatorial Candidates



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WESTERN MINNESOTA STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

HUGE POLITICAL RALLY TO BE STAGED IN GYM TONIGHT

Polls Convey Disagreement As To Victor

Lemke, Browder, Colvin Show No Indication Of Drawing Numerous Votes

Who will be the next president of the United States? A survey of the many polls conducted this year shows that there is anything but agreement among them. The Literary Digest poll, the oldest of straw-voting devices, indicates that there will be a new president, Alfred M. Landon. Landon leads by a margin of 1,293,669 to Roosevelt's 977,897. Results over the last several weeks in this poll, however, record steady gains by Roosevelt and losses by Landon, which may or may not mean a last-minute shift of sentiment.

A. I. Poll is Different

On the other hand, the poll conducted by the American Institute of Public Opinion, which has attracted considerable attention, gives to Roosevelt a comfortable majority of electoral votes, the result of a more or less steady gain since last July, when Mr. Landon led in electoral votes. The method of the Institute poll is different from others in that it employs the sampling method and calculates from this what the total vote is likely to be. The Digest poll relies upon a much larger number of ballots.

Digest Poll Has Been Accurate

Commentators have said of the Digest poll that it has been remarkably accurate in past elections, as in 1928, when Hoover won over Al Smith by a big margin, and in 1932, when Roosevelt made it a walkaway. Others report that the Institute poll is more likely to be accurate this time because it gets a more typical cross-section of the voters, and so the argument goes on.

And polls, it is interesting to note, show that neither Lemke, Thomas, Browder or Colvin are likely to poll any large totals in the balloting—not enough to win any electoral votes. Other than this there is agreement among the polls that the solid south is still solid in supporting the Democratic candidate.

The Digest poll shows Landon carrying Minnesota with 30,762 to Roosevelt's 20,733, while in North Dakota, Landon's lead is much smaller in proportion. According to this poll Landon will carry his native state of Kansas and Roosevelt's home state of New York. Other polls, however, disagree, some of them indicating that

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PLATFORMS

How The Parties Stand

REPUBLICANS

DEMOCRATS

Business

We recognize the existence of a field within which governmental regulation is desirable.

We have taken the American business man out of the red and put him on the road of freedom and prosperity.

Agriculture

As an emergency measure—federal benefit payments or grants-in-aid, when administered within the means of the government, are consistent with a balanced budget.

We will continue to improve the soil conservation and domestic allotment program with payments to farmers. We favor encouragement of sound, practical farm cooperatives.

Labor

We pledge ourselves to protect the right of labor to organize and to bargain collectively through representatives of its own choosing without interference from any source. To support laws, to abolish sweatshops, child labor, and protect women against unfavorable working conditions.

We have increased the workers' pay and shortened their hours. We have written into the law of the land his right to collective bargaining and self-organization, free from the interference of employers; we have provided federal machinery for the peaceful settlement of labor disputes.

Civil Rights

We pledge ourselves to preserve, protect, and defend freedom of religion, speech, press, and radio, and the right to assembly and petition and immunity from unreasonable searches and seizures.

We shall continue to guard the freedom of speech, press, radio, religion, and assembly which our Constitution guarantees, with equal rights to all and special privileges to none.

Monopoly

We will employ the full powers of the government to the end that monopoly shall be eliminated and that free enterprise shall be restored and maintained.

We pledge vigorously and fearlessly to enforce the criminal and civil provisions of the existing anti-trust laws.

Foreign Policy

We pledge that America shall not become a member of the League of Nations, nor of the World Court, nor shall America take on any entangling alliances in foreign affairs.

In our relationship with other nations this government will continue to extend the Policy of the Good Neighbor. We reaffirm our opposition to war as an instrument of national policy.

Tariff

We will repeal the present reciprocal trade agreement law.

We will restore the principle of the flexible tariff to meet changing conditions here and abroad.

We shall continue to foster the increase in our foreign trade which has been achieved by this administration; to seek by mutual agreement the lowering of these tariff barriers, quotas, and embargoes

Constitution

We pledge ourselves to resist all attempts to impair the authority of the Supreme Court.

We believe that the passage of state laws to protect women and children in industry can be done within the Constitution.

We have sought and will continue to seek to meet perplexing problems through legislation within the Constitution by amendments which will assure the legislatures of the several states and to the congress of the United States the power necessary to regulate commerce, protect public health and safety, and safeguard economic security.

Political Organizations End Activities With Giant Rally

Band Will Be Out Tonight

Rally Starts At Eight With Parades And Party Pep-fests Preceding Convocation. Townspeople And Others Are Invited To Attend

Tonight, at 7:30 in the big gym, the big Political Rally will be ushered in by music from the College Band, the Men's Quartet, and the Murray Trio. Political factions will assume control of both the north and south bleachers of the gym. Marching in first, the Democrats will be followed by the Socialists, Farmer-Laborites, Republicans, and finally the Union party.

Two Nominees For Governor

Martin Nelson, Republican, And Elmer Benson, Farmer-Labor Run For Office

Only two candidates appear on the state ticket for governor in Minnesota in the coming election.

Elmer Benson was appointed senator by Governor Floyd Olson to fill the vacancy left by the death of Thomas Schall. The Farmer-Labor candidate will likely receive substantial support from the Democrats who have no candidate on the ticket.

Martin Nelson, Republican candidate in his keynote speech gave as the main issue of his party economy in government expenses, establishment of merit system in public service, reduction of property tax, and giving employment in place of relief.

The Democrats, Farmer-Laborites, and Socialists will have the south bleachers and respective parties will be divided on the bleachers in the order named. The Republicans and Unionists will share the north bleachers.

Wedul Appears

Speeches are to last ten minutes and in the intervals, the musical groups will play and sing. Melvin Wedul, in his speech, will give political promises that only a dead man could resist.

Speakers for the Big Rally are: Byron Townsend for William Lemke; Alice Graves for Martin Nelson as governor; Maxine Headland, Elmer Benson for governor; John Stucky for Norman Thomas; Dorothy Murray, tax amendment; Melvin Wedul, guaranteed surprise; Kenneth Christiansen for Alf Landon; Bernard Stolpman, Franklin Roosevelt.

Parades Start at 7:30

With five political parties and musical groups leading the way into the big gym at 7:30 p. m., M. S. T. C. students will follow until 8 o'clock when it is expected that at least five hundred students will pack the gym. (Continued on back page)

College Polls Show Democratic South; North Closely Divided

Concordia And Gustavus Elect Landon; Range Colleges Favor Roosevelt

College straw votes seem very popular throughout the nation as election day draws closer. Where will Minnesota stand? If college polls are any indication, the election will be a close fight.

In the Concordia poll, the Republicans smashed their way through to sweep Gov. Alf Landon into office by a 2 to 1 margin. The Kansas received 209 votes to Roosevelt's 100. The So-

cialists led the minor parties with 39 for Thomas. Lemke received 14 and Gustavus Adolphus also showed its conservative tendency with Landon, Christianson and Nelson leading by a large majority. Here, too, as at Concordia, the Socialists polled a greater number of votes than the Unionists. Browder 1 vote.

Gusties Favor Landon

The junior colleges of the iron range reversed the decisions of the Cobbes and Gusties by electing Roosevelt by decisive majorities. Roosevelt led by at least 60 per cent at Eveleth and by

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Voting Is A Serious Business

Twice within the next forty-eight hours M. S. T. C. will go to the polls. The result of the first election, a straw vote, will be placed before the eyes of the public, and will stamp this College as a supporter of certain leaders and certain ideals. The result of the second election, tomorrow, may easily be a major turning point in the history of the United States.

It should not be necessary at this time to emphasize further the importance of participation in the national election by all who have the power to vote. It is also apparent that the voter must rely on the bidding of his own conscience and intellect, regardless of propaganda and ballyhoo.

However, many college students regard the straw poll only in the light of good fun, and in that mood are easily swayed by half-joking stump speeches and propaganda to vote regardless of their actual convictions. As a result of this, the straw vote may not be an accurate indication of true leanings and outsiders may get a wrong impression.

Therefore, the proper program for M. S. T. C. voters, today and tomorrow, is to make a sensible decision and to stick by that decision in all balloting.

Out For A Senate Berth



Theodore Christianson and Ernest Lundeen, Republican and Farmer-Labor nominees for the United States senate from Minnesota.

Exciting Senatorial Race Is Carried On In The State

Lundeen And Christianson To
Run For Seat In Upper
House Tomorrow

Because of the death of Governor Floyd B. Olson, who was to have been the Farmer-Labor candidate for the U. S. senate and the democratic support of the Farmer-Labor ticket, the senatorial race this year will be a lively one. Former Governor Theodore Christianson, who has lately served in congress, is the Republican candidate and claims a large following.

Christianson is an old newspaper man, having been editor of a small country weekly before going into the state and national field. He served two terms before Floyd Olson became governor.

Ernest Lundeen was drafted by the Farmer-Labor party to make a senate race after the death of Governor Olson. He has been a member of congress for several terms and has served in both the Spanish-American and World Wars.

They almost had to use a pulmotor on Don Watson, Pomona College sophomore, who tried to guzzle six malts in 20 minutes. At fifth down and three-fourths to go, the malts halted Watson.

Eager Campaigners Expound Perfect Party Platforms

Lemke Ask You This One:
How many votes will Roosevelt Garner while Landon Knox?

Let the soap-box orators, between classes today, in the Exchange, tell you all they don't know about the candidate that's bound to win, if the opposing candidate doesn't get more votes. Our student orators have been practicing privately before mirrors for weeks. Now they want a more inspirational audience. Give them a break and be there. All you need to do is to appear politically intelligent and either agree or disagree with what is said.

Straw Votes

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Minnesota as well as North Dakota will go to Roosevelt.

Throughout the nation, interest in the election has mounted to a fever pitch. Registrations point to the greatest popular vote ever turned out, possibly reaching to the fifty million mark. What can be the cause for this unusual interest? Is it to affirm Roosevelt's government or does it indicate alarm at the policies of the New Deal?

Biographies of Both Presidential Candidates Show Successful Careers of Public Service

Landon Points To Economy

Kansan Has Made No Enemies
In Past Political Life And
Promises Much

As standard bearer of the Republican party, Alfred Mossman Landon presents a record that has strengthened him immeasurably for the position as head of his party. Now serving his second term as governor of Kansas, he was elected first in 1932 when Roosevelt carried the state by a wide margin, and in 1934 was the only Republican governor elected in the United States. Kansas balanced her budget in 1934-35. Republican leaders are therefore ballyhooing the name Landon into the synonym of economy.

Alf Has Three Children

The private life of Alf Landon presents a contented family of three children, the oldest, Peggy Ann, who is now nineteen, and Nancy Jo, and John Cobb, five and four years. In 1915, he was married to Margaret Fleming who died three years later. In 1930, he married Theo Cobb of Topeka, Kan.

Six mornings of the week the governor is at his desk in the capitol at 8 o'clock. He remains until 2 in the afternoon at which time he goes home to lunch and does not return until the next morning.

Within a few months there has developed a nation-wide interest in the personality of the chief executive of Kansas. The very fact that Landon has no enemies or past political record outside of Kansas may work in his favor.

Huge Rally In Gym

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ing the rally, announcements will be made as to the results of the day's straw votes.

Begins This Morning

Beginning at 8:50 this morning with soap-box campaigning by John Stucky and Leverett Hoag for Thomas and Socialism, election day will get under way. Walter Lund and Arthur Holmes assume their positions three minutes later and urge all good Farmer-Laborites—and others—to vote for Elmer Benson for governor. At 8:56, the Benson speakers abdicate their boxes in favor of Millicent Priscott and Clarence Eskildsen speaking for Landon and the Republicans.

The 9 o'clock classes bring a brief rest to campaigners and allow voters to regain their party equilibrium. But at the end of the 9 o'clock, Annabelle Cruikshank and Pauline Eddy, building up on Prescott and Eskildsen, begin an onslaught in favor of Landon. Three minutes later, Lambert Molacek and Floyd Temple begin their barrage, urging voters to elect Nelson as governor. Four minutes to 10 o'clock finds Elizabeth Koops and Cleora Scheidt giving the first scheduled addresses of the morning for Roosevelt.

Ferd Elstad and Henry Stevenson fire their guns at 10:50 and build up on the previous Roosevelt speech. Three minutes later, Joseph Bauer and Martin Barstad announce their leanings toward Lemke. Milton Holtan and Armand Larson follow Bauer and Barstad with a follow-up of the 8:50 Thomas speech.

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Minor Groups List Important Issues, Party Candidates

Socialists Uphold Democracy; Communists, Re-employment; Union Party, Social Justice

That the other voices, the minor parties, are important may be seen from previous voting. The three most important minor parties are: Socialist, represented by Norman Thomas; Communist, represented by Browder, and the Union party, represented by William Lemke of Fargo.

Above all else, the Socialists believe in democracy. Socialists scoff at the New Deal. Thomas says, "We want abundance, not scarcity. We want production. We want it for use, not profit. Scarcity may serve to profit some, but it cannot advance the well being of all."

The Communist party stands for:

1. Put America back to work. Open all closed factories.
2. Free farmers from debts, unbearable tax returns, and foreclosures.
3. Full rights for negroes.
4. Keep America out of war by keeping war out of the world.
5. Provide unemployment insurance, old age pensions, social securities.

The "brand new" party, the Union party, is headed by Congressman William Lemke as presidential candidate. He has the support of Father Coughlin, well-known radio priest. He has pledged the support of National Union for Social Justice. Dr. Frances Townsend, author of the old age pension plan and members of share-the-wealth clubs of Huey Long are pledged to his support.

The chief aim of the Prohibition party, which has never received more than two per cent of votes cast, is to have an amendment outlawing liquor replaced in the Constitution.

College Polls

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a 3 to 1 majority at Hibbing Junior College. The vote for the minor parties shows the same trend with Lemke leading Thomas in both these institutions.

A. C. Goes New Deal

The North Dakota A. C., across the Red River, also favored the Democrats by a decided majority.

As we move to the eastern schools, Landon again takes the long end with a lead of 61 per cent at Wabash College and 70 per cent at Princeton University.

If the college polls are to be taken as an indication of the trend, the "solid south" will be more solid than ever this year. The candidate of the New Deal polled 93.2 per cent of the total at North Texas State Teachers College. These pedagogues of the south cast 1,561 votes for Roosevelt, 100 for Landon, 8 for Thomas, and 4 for Lemke. Other southern colleges showed the same tendency.

NORTHERN LIGHTS

So this is the week that the Skipper's boys take on the Sainly Saints at the Granite City.

And Mr. Nemzek says that if you have any old 1932 ticker tape that you haven't slid down on recently, just bet it on the Dragons to cop the league title. Captain Mikulich and "Spider" Burke say that they are going to put on a regular melodrama for the google-eyed followers of the pigskin pastime.

And when the dust has cleared away the Sainly boys at St. Cloud will discover that there are two systems in football. Alex Nemzek's and the Dragons'.

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Roosevelt Has Success Story

Infantile Paralysis No Daunt
To Leader In Untiring Political Career

Franklin D. Roosevelt first entered the White House at the age of five. The story is told that a New York lawyer brought the young boy to see President Grover Cleveland. Entering the executive office, they found the president worried by problems of state, anxiously pacing the floor. Placing his hand on Franklin's head, he made this strange statement: "I wish for you that you may never have to be the president of the United States."

Shortly after his graduation from Harvard University, Franklin married his cousin, Anna Eleanor Roosevelt, who has become nationally known as a writer and leader. Theodore Roosevelt, who was then president, attended the wedding and gave away the bride, who was one of his favorite nieces.

Roosevelt Master Politician

Leaping into politics quite unexpectedly as candidate for Democratic senator from New York, Roosevelt began his varied political career which earned him the title of master politician. He was named as assistant secretary of the navy by Wilson in 1912. Although Cox and Roosevelt lost to the Republican candidates, Harding and Coolidge, when they opposed them, the campaign was typical of his unlimited energy. Traveling by horse, auto, train and airplane, he covered more territory and made more speeches than any vice presidential candidate in history.

A year later, this man of energy became stricken with paralysis, a disease which would have left the average man an invalid for life. His undaunted courage in fighting this handicap and his ultimate victory reveal his unusual strength of character. He was elected governor of New York in 1928 with a greater lead over his opponent than any previous candidate.

Taking over his duties as president during a great national crisis, Franklin D. Roosevelt was initiated into a four-year term filled with strenuous activity and heavy responsibility.

During the past four years business has improved. Some people give Roosevelt the credit for bringing recovery to the United States; others severely criticize his New Deal policies. The actual extent of the "New Dealer's" popularity will be revealed in the results of the 1936 election Tuesday, when the voters of the United States will again indicate their choice of a national leader.

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